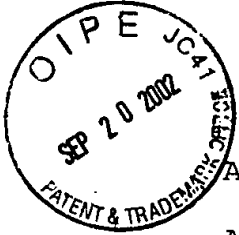


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U.S. Patents

**6,395,020 —	05/2002	Ley et al.
**6,299,635 —	10/2001	Frantzen
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Foreign Patents

1 042 997	10/2000	EP
0 950 386	04/2000	EP
0 699 451	03/1996	EP
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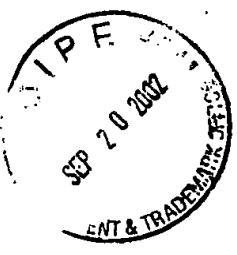
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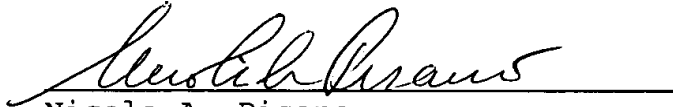
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